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**COOK INLET SABLEFISH FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT
SEASON CLOSURE
EMERGENCY ORDER 2-GF-H-11-12**

The commercial fishing season for sablefish *Anoplopoma fimbria* in the Cook Inlet Area will close at **12:00 noon on Friday, August 24, 2012.**

The Cook Inlet sablefish season opened in the Cook Inlet Management Area at 12:00 noon, July 15 with a 69,000 pound guideline harvest level (GHL). Regulations set a 48-hour trip limit of 3,000 pounds and a logbook requirement. Department harvest projections indicate the GHL will be achieved. Therefore, in order to manage for the GHL, the Cook Inlet Area sablefish season will close at 12:00 noon on Friday, August 24, 2012.

By regulation, all sablefish from the fishery must be landed within 24 hours following the fishery closure. Sablefish may not be retained in state waters of the Cook Inlet Management Area following this closure. For additional information contact ADF&G in Homer.

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